

PRESSURE LOW OVER SOUTHERN HALF COUNTRY

Probably Showers With but Slight Change in Temperature Over This Section.

HOURLY READINGS.

APRIL 26.

3 a.m.	57	10 a.m.	56
4 a.m.	57	11 a.m.	57
5 a.m.	57	12 m.	58
6 a.m.	56	1 p.m.	61
7 a.m.	56	2 p.m.	61

Weather at 2 p.m. cloudy; humidity at 12 noon, 78.

River Forecast.

The river will rise slowly at and above Chattanooga tonight and Saturday. The lower river below Bridgeport will continue to fall.

Local Forecast.

Probably showers, with slight change in temperature tonight and Saturday.

Local Data.

Temperature for twenty-four hours: Highest yesterday, 78; lowest last night, 56; mean, 67.
Corresponding date last year: Highest, 77; lowest, 58; mean, 68.
Normal for this date, 63 degrees.
Relative humidity (per cent.), 7 p.m., 58; 7 a.m., 87.
Precipitation for twenty-four hours ending 7 a.m. today, .68 inch.
Total precipitation since Jan. 1, 19.91 inches.
Accumulated deficiency is 1.51 inches.
Highest wind velocity for twenty-four hours ending 7 a.m. today, twenty-four miles, southeast.
River stage at 7 a.m. (feet), 12.9.
Fall in twenty-four hours (feet), 0.8.

Weather Conditions.

The atmospheric pressure is low over the southern half of the country, with centers of depression over the lower Rocky mountain region, the Ohio valley and South Carolina. Rain has been general over the lower Mississippi valley and eastward to the Atlantic coast. Heavy amounts fell at Springfield, Ill.; New Orleans, Atlanta and Macon. A high-pressure area is created over the upper Rocky mountain region, with the temperature 16 degrees below freezing at Swift Current. At 7 a.m. snow was falling at Sheridan.
Conditions are favorable for probably showers, with but slight change in temperature over this section tonight and Saturday.

Weather for Four States.

Washington, April 26.—Forecast: Tennessee—Fair wet, probably showers east portion tonight and Saturday; cooler west portion tonight.
Kentucky—Probably rain tonight and Saturday; cooler.
Georgia—Rain this afternoon; partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature.
Alabama—Fair tonight and Saturday; slightly cooler tonight.

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NEWS of WORLD MARKETS

STOCKS IN CONTROL; PROMINENT AT OPENING

New York, April 26.—Stocks in control of pools were again prominent at the opening of today's market, recovering a considerable part of yesterday's irregular setback. Sumatra Tobacco and Distillers made initial gains of 1 to 2 points with International Paper, Baldwin Locomotive, Reading, Philadelphia Company and People's Gas. There was a fair inquiry for United States Steel, United States Rubber, General Motors and Central Leather. United States Steel forfeited 2 points of its recent substantial advance. Liberty bonds were firm.

Trading in stocks today was limited to the forenoon session in recognition of "Liberty day." The market gave further proof of underlying firmness, however, although interest centered mainly in speculative issues at advances of 1 to 3 1/2 points. People's Gas, United Railways, Philadelphia Company, also added to recent gains, the latter rising 4 points. Ralls were again ignored, with moderate strength in Reading and United States Steel. Superior Steel rose 3 1/2, but Galt States Steel reacted 6 points. The closing was strong. Sales approximated 200,000 shares. Liberty 2 1/2 sold at 99.10 to 99.24; first 4s at 96.64 to 96.76, and second 4s at 96.72 to 96.80.

NEW YORK CURE MARKET.

Opening (Steady)	Closing (Steady)
Aetna Explosives 8 1/2	8 1/2
Air Reduction 47 1/2	47 1/2
Anglo-American 11 1/2	11 1/2
Barnett Oil 9 1/2	9 1/2
Chevrolet 120 1/2	120 1/2
Consolidated Copper 5 1/2	5 1/2
Cosden Oil 6 1/2	6 1/2
Curtiss Aero 30 3/2	30 3/2
Houston Oil 40 3/2	40 3/2
Ind. Pipe 95 3/2	95 3/2
Int. Petroleum 13 1/2	13 1/2
Lehigh Valley Coal 85 3/2	85 3/2
Magna 24 3/2	24 3/2
Marconi 31 1/2	31 1/2
Merrill Oil 18 1/2	18 1/2
Midwest Oil 9 1/2	9 1/2
Nat. Zinc & Lead 25 3/2	25 3/2
N. Amer. Pulp 2 1/2	2 1/2
Ohio Oil 32 1/2	32 1/2
Oklahoma Prod. 6 1/2	6 1/2
Penn-Ky Oil 5 1/2	5 1/2
Prairie Oil 47 1/2	47 1/2
Proctor & Knott 15 1/2	15 1/2
Submarine Bldg. 12 1/2	12 1/2
Stand. Oil N.Y. 260 1/2	260 1/2
Stand. Oil N.J. 545 1/2	545 1/2
Stand. Oil Cal. 215 1/2	215 1/2
Stand. Oil Ind. 630 1/2	630 1/2
Union Tank 94 1/2	94 1/2
Victoria Oil 4 1/2	4 1/2
Wright-Martin 8 1/2	8 1/2
Midwest Ref. 106 1/2	106 1/2

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Thurs. day	Fri. day
American Beet Sugar 7 1/2	7 1/2
American Can 43 1/2	43 1/2
American Car & Fdy. 78 1/2	78 1/2
American Locomotive 6 1/2	6 1/2
American Lined 25 1/2	25 1/2
American Smelting and Ref. 76 1/2	76 1/2
American Sugar 104 1/2	104 1/2
American T. & P. 98 1/2	98 1/2
Anacosta Copper 63 1/2	63 1/2
Atchafalpa 83 1/2	83 1/2
Aul & Gulf and Ind. 106 1/2	106 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive 80 1/2	80 1/2
Baltimore and Ohio 51 1/2	51 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 74 1/2	74 1/2
Bojiard & Co. 13 1/2	13 1/2
Central Leather 65 1/2	65 1/2
Chesapeake and Ohio 55 1/2	55 1/2
Chi. Mil. and St. P. 37 1/2	37 1/2
Chi. R. I. and P. 18 1/2	18 1/2
China Copper 42 1/2	42 1/2
Colorado Fuel and Iron 40 1/2	40 1/2
Corn Products 37 1/2	37 1/2
Cruible Steel 37 1/2	37 1/2
Cuba Cane Sugar 25 1/2	25 1/2
General Electric 111 1/2	111 1/2
General Motors 116 1/2	116 1/2
Great Northern Pfd. 89 1/2	89 1/2
Great Northern Ore Cfd. 25 1/2	25 1/2
Illinois Central 25 1/2	25 1/2
Inspiration Copper 51 1/2	51 1/2
Inter. Merc. Marine 23 1/2	23 1/2
Inter. Merc. Marine Pfd. 84 1/2	84 1/2
International Paper 40 1/2	40 1/2
Kennecott Copper 32 1/2	32 1/2
Lehigh Valley 111 1/2	111 1/2
Maxwell Motors 112 1/2	112 1/2
Mexican Petroleum 92 1/2	92 1/2
Mine Copper 28 1/2	28 1/2
Midvale Steel 45 1/2	45 1/2
Missouri Pacific 20 1/2	20 1/2
New York Central 68 1/2	68 1/2
Norfolk and Western 82 1/2	82 1/2
Northern Pacific 103 1/2	103 1/2
Norfolk Southern 28 1/2	28 1/2
Pennsylvania 44 1/2	44 1/2
Pittsburgh Coal 44 1/2	44 1/2
Ray Consolidated Copper 24 1/2	24 1/2
Reading 80 1/2	80 1/2
Republic Iron and Steel 80 1/2	80 1/2
Sinclair Oil and Refining 27 1/2	27 1/2
Southern Pacific 82 1/2	82 1/2
Southern Railway 20 1/2	20 1/2
Studebaker Corporation 26 1/2	26 1/2
Tennessee Copper 18 1/2	18 1/2
Texas Company 144 1/2	144 1/2
Tobacco Products 118 1/2	118 1/2
Union Pacific 111 1/2	111 1/2
United Chair Stores 89 1/2	89 1/2
U. S. Industrial Alcohol 123 1/2	123 1/2
U. S. Rubber 54 1/2	54 1/2
U. S. Steel 24 1/2	24 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd. 79 1/2	79 1/2
Westinghouse Electric 40 1/2	40 1/2
Wells Fargo 17 1/2	17 1/2
Weyerhaeuser 168 1/2	168 1/2
Atlantic Coast Line 88 1/2	88 1/2
Gulf States Steel 169 1/2	169 1/2
Seaboard Air Line 7 1/2	7 1/2
Shaw-Walker Steel and Iron 58 1/2	58 1/2
United Fruit 121 1/2	121 1/2
Virginia-Carolina Chemical 46 1/2	46 1/2

PRUSSIAN RAILWAYS COMPENSATION FUND LARGE

Robberies on Austrian Roads Greater Than in Germany—Ministry Issues Admonition.

Zurich, March 26.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Official reports of the Prussian state railways show that in 1917, 57,000,000 marks were paid as compensation for property lost or stolen in transit compared with 4,000,000 marks in 1914.
The German postoffice paid 3,000,000 marks to compensation during 1917, compared with 100,000 marks in 1912. The greater part of the goods stolen on the railways was foodstuffs, clothing and other articles of necessity.
The robberies on the Austrian railways are reported to be even greater than in Germany. The ministry of railways in Vienna begs the public not to send goods by rail except in the most urgent cases.

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CORN MARKET MAKES SHARP ADVANCE TODAY

Chicago, April 26.—Prospects for a reduction of acreage brought about a sharp advance today in the corn market. Opening prices, which ranged from 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 advance, with May \$1.27 1/2 and July \$1.51 1/2, were followed by indications of still greater strength.
Outs showed some sympathy with the upturn in corn.
Provisions were irregular.
The close was firm at 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 net advance, with May \$1.27 1/2 and July \$1.51 1/2.

RANGE OF PRICES ON CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

BOARD OF TRADE.				
Month.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Corn—				
May	1.27 1/2	1.27 1/2	1.27 1/2	1.27 1/2
July	1.51 1/2	1.53 1/2	1.51 1/2	1.53
Oats—				
May	83 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
July	74 1/2	74 3/4	74 1/2	74 1/2
Wheat—				
May	47.25	47.50	47.15	47.50
July	46.95	46.95	46.75	46.75
Lard—				
May	24.85	24.85	24.75	24.77
July	25.17	26.22	25.17	25.17
Ribs—				
May	22.72	22.75	22.70	22.70
July	23.32	23.35	23.27	23.27